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Report Highlights:

The Pretoria Weaver provides the latest information on bilateral discussions for livestock products, FAS/Pretoria office initiatives, and upcoming visitors to South Africa.

General Information:



IN-FOCUS

ERS Led Value Chain Assessment Successfully Concludes

On April 21, the USDA/ERS-led Value Chain Assessment, funded under the Emerging Market Program, successfully concluded. FAS/Pretoria is awaiting the assessment team's strategic framework that will offer recommendations for new areas of focus and opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships for USDA and the U.S. private sector in South Africa and the Southern African region. AAO expects follow-on activities by team members in the coming months.

MARKET ACCESS

Animal Health Bilateral DVC Postponed

FAS and APHIS/Pretoria will host a second DVC for bilateral technical discussions on animal issues later in May after the originally scheduled May 5 DVC was cancelled by the South African delegation. This is a follow-on from the March 24 DVC, that marked the first such negotiations in several years. The upcoming DVC offers a distinct possibility to discuss outstanding market access issues for animal products and improve access animal casings for sausage. FAS/Pretoria also expects this DVC will identify future priorities for addressing animal and animal product issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

U.S. Science Envoy to Visit South Africa

U.S. Science Advisor, Dr. Gebisa Ejeta will visit South Africa May 16-20. During his visit, Dr. Ejeta will meet with academic and private research institutions. As part of his program, FAS/Pretoria has organized a stakeholder's business brunch at AfricaBio on May 20, where Dr. Ejeta will discuss biotechnology with private industry officials involved in agricultural biotechnology to understand the challenges and opportunities for agricultural technologies. AfricaBio is an independent, non-profit biotechnology stakeholders association, organized to provide accurate information and create awareness, understanding as well as knowledge on biotechnology and biosafety in South Africa and the African region.

Tuskegee to Host Risk Analysis Workshop in Pretoria

Tuskegee University and APHIS/Pretoria will host a Sanitary & Phyto-sanitary Risk Assessment Workshop May 22-Jun 2, in Pretoria. The workshop will invite academic and regulatory officials from all over Sub-Saharan Africa to participate in a two-week course that will emphasize technical information sessions related to the basic concepts and methodologies used to perform risk based analyses for plant and animal pests and diseases and food pathogens.

Local and Regional Purchase Program Project Monitoring

During May 28 to June 18, Erin Means, Program Analyst with the FAS/Washington Food Aid Division, will travel to Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe for monitoring the progress of USDA's Local and Regional Purchase Project (LRPP). In the past year, USDA has awarded approximately \$5 million to Zimbabwe and Mozambique under the LRPP

Southern U.S. Trade Association to Participate in Africa Big Seven

The Southern U.S. Agricultural Trade Association (SUSTA), plans for a trade mission to South Africa, July 17-23. SUSTA will participate in the Africa Big-7 trade show in Midrand, followed by a restaurant menu promotion in Cape Town. This builds on SUSTA's participation in last year's Africa Big-7 where after event sales were estimated in at \$500,000.

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